

I've been receiving pre-recorded solicitations in my voicemail box. These solicitations were served up by a company called The Promotion Center. Frequent requests to this company to put my number on a "do not call" list have been ignored. Several times I was hung up on as I was making my request. Attempts to contact the supervisor "Bob" have been unsuccessful.

Each time I access my voicemail I am charged for a local call. This means that I am paying to receive these unwanted solicitations. These pre-recorded solicitations should be illegal in that regard.

Furthermore, the increasing use of "predictive dialing" devices by telemarketers is not just a nuisance - it can be dangerous. Every minute of the day thousands of elderly and disabled citizens rush towards a ringing phone only to find a hang-up call. These telemarketing corporations compromise the safety and privacy of citizens for the sake of profit.

Please quit ceding to the lobbying of these increasingly intrusive corporations and their trade groups. I am urging you to protect the rights and privacy of the citizens you represent. A no-fee national do-not-call list is the first step. Tougher restrictions and regulations on these invasive entities should be the ultimate goal.

Sincerely,
William Ching